

REMARKS

Entry of this preliminary amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to calculation of National Stage fees, is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 1 through 20 will be pending.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 8 and 10 are amended. Claim in this amendment to delete the parent adequate expression while claim 10 is amended to omit multiple dependency.

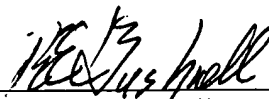
Amendments to the Figures

Figures 41, 42 and 59 are amended to correct minor errors. Specifically, in Figure 41, in element 36, "informatio" is corrected to read "information"; in Figure 42, at step S60, "proces" is amended to read "process"; and in Figure 59, the beginning of the chart is corrected to read "Start".

Conclusion

No additional fees are incurred by entry of the accompanying amendment. This application is therefore, in condition for examination. Should questions arise during examination however, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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